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Re: Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Dear Ms. Dixon:

I have several brief comments on the above subject as follows:

- 1 • The no action alternative is unacceptable; in that the near and long term storage of high-level radioactive nuclear waste at numerous sites across the United States presents unacceptable human health risks.
- 2 • President Carter's Presidential Executive Order preventing the reprocessing of high-level radioactive nuclear waste should be rescinded. The premise for this Order is no longer valid.
- The high-level radioactive nuclear waste is a very valuable resource, and with the future advance of technology, the option of reprocessing this material for the benefit of our society should remain open.
- Yucca Mountain should be characterized as a "storage site", and not a "disposal site" for high-level radioactive nuclear waste.
- With Yucca Mountain as a high-level radioactive nuclear waste "storage site", and in the future the reprocessing of this material, this would provide Nevada with business diversification, development of a technology center, and significant economic benefits.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment, and It is recommended DOE seriously consider the above issues which are of National importance.

Sincerely,

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